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TCO 6594TH TEST SQUADRON. CITE OPCEN 7990. FROM

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER.

1. READILY APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN OVER WHAT APPEARS TO BE A TOTAL LACK OF CONSISTENCY IN CLASSIFICATION ON MISSION 3223-3226 FILM.

"B" CONFIGURED FILM IS CLASSIFIED ONLY SECRET WHEREAS TRACKER IS TO BE TOP SECRET CHES. THIS WAS VERIFIED BY NPIC PRIOR TO DUPLICATION PROCESS WITH HIGHER AUTHORITY.

2. THE COMOR APPROVED PROCEDURE IS QUOTED BELOW FYI:

"1. PHOTOGRAPHY

A. THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE AND ROLL DUPLICATES SHALL BE PROCESSED ONLY IN CENTERS CONFORMING TO TALENT SECURITY CONTROL STANDARDS.

B. THE 9 X 18 ORIGINAL NEGATIVE AND THE DUPLICATE NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE ROLLS SHALL BE CLASSIFIED SECRET AND NOT PUT IN THE TALENT SECURITY CONTROL SYSTEM. EACH INDIVIDUAL FRAME

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GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
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SHALL BE STAMPED SECRET.

C. THE COMPLETE FILM FROM A MISSION SHALL REMAIN IN THE TALENT CENTERS. HOWEVER, SELECTED PORTIONS OF A MISSION MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CENTERS. SUCH PORTIONS SHALL BE LIMITED, IN ORDER NOT TO REVEAL TOTAL TRACK. THIS WOULD PERMIT REMOVAL FROM THE CENTERS OF COVERAGE OF AREAS OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST; I.E., LAOS, NORTH VIETNAM, AND CHINA BUT PRECLUDE REMOVAL OF PORTIONS OF FILM INDICATING HOST COUNTRY PARTICIPATION OR COMPILATION OF COMPLETE TRACK.

D. TITLING MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, SHOW CAMERA CONFIGURATION, MONTH AND YEAR (NOT DAYS), LOCATION OR COORDINATES, AND SCALE (NOT EXPRESSED WITH THE K FACTOR).

E. THE TRACKER FILM OF A GIVEN MISSION WILL REMAIN WITHIN THE TALENT SYSTEM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SINGLE FRAMES WHICH WILL BE CLASSIFIED SECRET.

2. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.

A. REPORTS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE INTRODUCED BY A CAVEAT: PERSONNEL ARE CAUTIONED THAT STRICT NEED-TO-KNOW MUST APPLY.

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B. THE IPIR WILL BE ISSUED AT THE SECRET LEVEL WITH THE DATE OF ACQUISITION AND WITH ITEMS ARRANGED BY COUNTRY AND AS NEARLY AS FEASIBLE BY TOPIC RATHER THAN BY ORDER OF EXPOSURE SEQUENCE.

C. ANALYTICAL DATA PRODUCED BY NPIC FOR OPERATIONAL SUPPORT MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE TALENT SYSTEM.

D. THE MCI AND THE MISSION PHOTOGRAPHIC PLOTS MAY BE PUBLISHED AT THE SECRET LEVEL BUT WITHOUT TRACK.

E. OTHER REPORTS MAY BE ISSUED AT THE SECRET LEVEL PROVIDED THEY CONTAIN NO REFERENCE TO STATEMENTS OF REQUIREMENTS, NO ATTRIBUTION TO COLLECTION SOURCE, NOR REFERENCE TO TRACK.

F. REPORTS WILL BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH NORMAL DOCUMENT HANDLING CHANNELS TO ALL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WITH WHOM SECRET PAPERS ARE NORMALLY EXCHANGED.

3. PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS SUCH AS BRIEFING BOARDS, VU-GRAPHS, SKETCHES, DRAWINGS, ETC. MAY BE CLASSIFIED SECRET UNLESS OTHER CLASSIFICATION OR DISSEMINATION RESTRICTIONS PREVAIL PROVIDED THAT THERE IS NO REFERENCE MADE TO TRACK.

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